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**BY ECF**

Honorable John G. Koeltl  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

**Re: United States v. Bernie Almonte  
19 Cr. 348 (JGK)**

Dear Judge Koeltl,

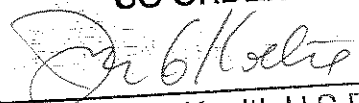
I write to request that the Court order the United States Pretrial Services Office in the Southern District of New York to release Bernie Almonte's passport to his family, or to a representative from my office. I understand that Pretrial Services will only release this passport pursuant to a Court order. Mr. Almonte had surrendered his passport to Pretrial Services as a condition of his pretrial release. He was sentenced in May 2021, and duly surrendered to custody to serve his sentence in September 2021. We thus respectfully request that the Court order the release of his passport.

Respectfully Submitted,

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APPLICATION GRANTED  
SO ORDERED

10/19/21   
John G. Koeltl, U.S.D.J.